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GOLD-PLATED COPPER ELECTRODES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the aboveidentified patent application prior to substantive examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 1 with the following paragraph:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application is a division of application Serial No. 10/038,506, filed November 9, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 10/032,378, filed October 26, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/844,225

